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1. (Twice Amended) An aqueous ink for ink-jet recording, comprising a colored resin particle dispersed in an aqueous medium, wherein the colored resin particle comprises a film-forming resin to which at least one of an oil soluble dye and a disperse dye is sublimed and penetrated, and wherein the film-forming resin is an acrylic resin.

2. (Not Amended Herein) The aqueous ink according to claim 1, wherein the film-forming resin has a minimum film-forming temperature (MFT) of not higher than 35°C.

3. (Not Amended Herein) The aqueous ink according to claim 2, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 25°C.

4. (Not Amended Herein) The aqueous ink according to claim 3, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 10°C.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Cancelled)

7. (Not Amended Herein) An ink-jet recording method comprising a step of ejecting the aqueous ink according to claim 1 through an orifice in correspondence with a recording signal to deposit the ejected ink onto a recording medium.

8. (Not Amended Herein) An ink-jet recording apparatus comprising an ink container containing the aqueous ink according to claim 1, and a head for ejecting the ink through an orifice in correspondence with a recording signal.

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9. (Twice Amended) An ink cartridge comprising an ink container for containing the aqueous ink according to any of claims 1 to 4.

10. (Not Amended Herein) A recording unit comprising an ink container for containing the aqueous ink according to claim 1, and a head for ejecting the ink through an orifice in correspondence with a recording signal.

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11. (Amended) A coloring material comprising colored resin particles which comprise a film-forming resin to which at least one of an oil soluble dye and a disperse dye is sublimed

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and penetrated, and wherein the film-forming resin is an acrylic resin.

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12. (Not Amended Herein) The coloring material according to claim 11, wherein the film-forming resin has a minimum film-forming temperature (MFT) of not higher than 35°C.

13. (Not Amended Herein) The coloring material according to claim 12, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 25°C.

14. (Not Amended Herein) The coloring material according to claim 13, wherein said minimum film-forming temperature is not higher than 10°C.

15. (Not Amended Herein) The coloring material according to claim 11, which is used in an ink for ink-jet recording.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-4 and 7-15 are pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 11 being independent. Claim 5 is cancelled